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# HISTORY OF WASHBURN SCHOOLS

(The following article, which will be printed serially in The Leader, was written by Mr. Frank N. Ireland by request, for the Illinois Centennial Commission, and constitutes all that the author has been able to find by diligent search of such records as remain, of the History of Public Schools in our village. The article will continue for several weeks and will occupy this location and uniform space in order that the paper may be clipped in regularly spaced sections for preservation by anyone interested in our school history. Mr. Ireland has given this assignment a great amount of time and gone to no little trouble in efforts to substantially verify all his facts—many of which are from va-grant memory and the Commission was fortunate in deailing this task with its large amount of routine to one of his patience, interest and ability.

While these installments may not all be of interest to our average reader, there are certain to be many facts disclosed which will amply repay anyone for the time spent in reading the series.—The Editor.)

Seventy-two years of time previous to the Illinois Centennial year, goes back to a time when the memory of man runneth not—I know of but one man, who lived in this vicinity in 1846, and who still lives—Phillip H. Jenkins, who built the two first buildings of the Washburn Schols—1846, and 1857. He still lives feebly at 97 years of age, awaiting the time of passage to his long-sice departed generation; and his memory of his Washburn days are as blank, and as the officials of those

early days neglected to leave any schol record, or very brief records, or the officials of a later date failed to preserve them, or both perhaps, and as officials still fail to appreciate the value of complete records to those who are fast filling their places, it is little wonder the difficulty which faces the historian of this Centennial year. He can only with feebleness wrestle with tradition and imperfect or blank records and write a story which will pass for history of Washburn Schools, and the author, a harmless crank, who has the historic bug, but time heals all abrasions and the next generation will have lost nothing by the efforts made in this generation to gather up and preserve the past.

F. N. I.

## History of Titles to Property.

The Village of Washburn was layed-out by Hiram Echols in 1851 at a point where the Old State Road from Springfield to Ottawa and Chicago crosses the County Line between Woodford and Marshall counties; but the Schools of Washburn antedated all these things.

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On the 26th day of September, A.D. 1846, Henry D. Palmer, a minister of the Christian church and a resident of "the County of Marshall and State of "Illinois doth agree graciously, to give "grant, donate or lease, one-half acre "of land for school prposes, unto Til- "ton Howard, William Maxwell and "John W. Newcomb, School Directors, "and their successors in office, in Union "District, as described in the foregoing

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"preamble, the following described lot  
 "of land to-wit: Beginnig at the  
 "South-East corner of Section 35,  
 "Township 29, North Range 2 West  
 "of the 3rd Principal Meridian, thence  
 "West 10 rods, thence North 8 rods,  
 "thence East 10 rods, thence South 8  
 "rods to the place of beginning, con-  
 "taining one-half acre, so long as the  
 "aforesaid land shall be used for school  
 "or seminary purposes;" and in the pre-  
 "amble above mentioned, it is stated  
 "that a Distirct had already been form-  
 "ed by the "citizens of" these townships  
 "respectively, in the year 1846, and  
 "gave said District the title and name  
 "of Union District as recorded in each  
 "of the aforesaid townships respective-  
 "ly, and whereas the legal voters of  
 "said District did hold a meeting, and  
 "elect three School Directors as by  
 "Statute provided in such cases and at  
 "said meeting Tilton Howard, William  
 "Maxwell and J. W. Newcomb were  
 "elected said School Directors". Record-  
 "ed in Book 4, at page 242 by Sheldon  
 "Arnold, Recorder f Marshall county.

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Another purchase f land was made  
 on the 11th day f January A. D. 1858,  
 "between Hiram Echols of the county  
 "of Marshall, and State f Illinois, of  
 "the first part, and Trustees of Town-  
 "ships 28 and 29, North Range 2 West  
 "of the 3rd Principal Meridian, of the  
 "County f Wodford and Marshall and  
 "and State of Illinois of the second  
 "part, witness th that the said party  
 "of the first part, for and in consider-  
 "ation of the sum of One Hundred  
 "Fifty Dollars paid by the party of  
 "the second part, the receipt of which  
 "is hereby acknowledged, have granted  
 "bargained, sold, conveyed and con-  
 "firmed, and by these presents do  
 "grant, bargain, sell, convey and con-  
 "firm unto said party of the second  
 "part and their successors in office, a  
 "certain tract f land described as fol-  
 "lows, viz:

"One-half acre of land, adjoining  
 "the lot North now occupied by Union

"Schol District, beginning at the  
 "North-East corner of said lot, runn-  
 "ing North a sufficient distance, thence  
 "West to the Western boundary of said  
 "lot, thence South, to the North-West  
 "corner f said School lot, as deeded by  
 "Henry Palmer, and reserved in his  
 "deed to Jel McQuaid for School Pur-  
 "uoses in said District. It is express-  
 "ly understood that the lot now des-  
 "cribed is situated on or near the  
 "South-East crner of the East half of  
 "the South-East Quarter, Section thir-  
 "ty-five (35) Town 29, North Range 2  
 "(2) West of the 3rd P. M." Signed  
 by Hiram Echols, and P. Amelia Ech-  
 ols, his wife. Witnessed by Tilton  
 Howard and G. H. Jenkins, and ack-  
 nowledged by Tilton Howard.

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The third addition to the Washburn  
 School lot, was made by purchase  
 from W. D. Winland and wife for the  
 sum of One Hundred Dollars, and is  
 described as follows: Beginning at  
 the South-West corner of School lot,  
 thence West 84 feet, thence North  
 160 feet, thence East 84 feet, thence  
 South 160 feet to the place of beginn-  
 ing. Dated May 10, 1889. The deed  
 is on record at the County Seat of  
 Marshall county, but the deed itself  
 is lost or misplaced.

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The fourth addition to the Washburn  
 School lot is described as follows: "The  
 "grantor, R. W. Vauhan (a widower)  
 "of the Village of Washburn, County  
 "of Marshall, and State of Illinois, for  
 "and in cnsideration of \$1,000, conveys  
 "and warrants to the Trustees of  
 "Schools of Richland Township, Mar-  
 "shall county, for the use of School  
 "District 120, of the counties of Wood-  
 "ford and Marshall, and State of Illi-  
 "nois, the following described real es-  
 "tate, to-wit: Beginning at the North-  
 "West corner of the School groud, occu-  
 "pied and used for school purposes by  
 "Union School No. 120, in Township  
 "29, North Range 2, West of the 3rd  
 "Principal Meridian, Marshall county,



"Illinois, running thence due North established reservoirs and a pumping station on said Sec. 27, and soon there  
 "about 155 feet to a point directly sprang up a little hamlet of some  
 "East of the North End of Block 9, in twenty houses, and the inhabitants of  
 "Echols First Addition to the Village these houses proffered a site and asked  
 "f Washburn, Marshall county, Illi- for a school house which the direc-  
 "nois, thence East to the Section line tors granted, and it was built the next  
 "between Sections 35 and 36, in Town- year by Fitschen Bros., contractors at  
 "ship 29 aforesaid, thence South about a cost of \$970. The deed runs thus:  
 "156 feet to the North-East corner of "The grantors, Nathan H. Owen and  
 "School ground above; thence West to "Anna B. Owen, his wife, of the Town  
 "the place of beginning, said described "of Richland, County of Marshall and  
 "real estate being situated in the S.E. "State of Illinois, for and in consider-  
 "¼ of the S.E. ¼ of the S.E. ¼ of Sec. "ation of One Dollar, in hand paid, con-  
 "'35, in Township 29 aforesaid, and "vey and warrant to the Trustees of  
 "'containing 1.35 acres more or less."

"Dated this 7th day of July, A.D., "Schools of Richland Township, Mar-  
 "1914. Signed, R. W. Vaughan. (Seal) "shall County, Illinois and the Trus-  
 So that the Washburn Grade school "tees of Schools of Cazenovia Town-  
 has, all told, about 2.85 acres of land "ship, Woodford County, Illinois, for  
 upon which its school building is situ- "the use of Union School District No.  
 ated and play-ground located. "120, located in both of said Town-  
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On the 14th day of July, A. D. 1890, "the time hereinafter described land  
 the directors of this School District "is used for school purposes only, the  
 purchased for \$500., the old M. E. "following described real estate to-wit:  
 Church property, "Fifty feet wide and "Beginning one hundred and fifty  
 "the entire length off the South side of "(150) feet West of a point that is  
 "lot No. 5, in Block 1, in the Original "seven and forty-nine one hundredths  
 "town, now Village of Washburn," and "(7.49) chains North, seventy-two de-  
 used it for a Primary school until 1916, "grees West of a stne Five (5) chains  
 upon the building of the Washburn "North of the South-East corner of  
 Township High School when the Pri- "of the South-West Quarter (S. W. ¼)  
 mary school was moved to the Grade "of the North-East Quarter (N.E. ¼)  
 school building and on June 22, 1916, "of Section 27 (27) in Township 29  
 petitioners of the District to the num- "(29) North Range 2, West of the  
 ber of 155, filed a petition to sell the "3rd P. M., in Marshall county Illinois,  
 Primary school building and property, thence West Seventy-five (75) feet,  
 and after compliance with all legal re- "thence South One hundred and twen-  
 quirements, it was sold in front of the "ty-four (124) feet; thence East Sev-  
 Washburn Bank by W. T. Wallace, "enty-five (75) feet, thence North One  
 auctioneer, on Sept. 2, 1916 for \$421. "Hundred and twenty-four (124) feet  
 to the Lutheran church people who "to the place of beginning. Dated this  
 made it a private church school. "day of July, A.D. 1907."

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 The third piece of permanent School property in Washburn is the Washburn  
 In 1888 the great Santa Fe Railroad Township High School: "The grant-  
 Co., built their line from Kansas City "ors, Robert Peachey and Clara Peach-  
 into Chicago, passing over the north "ey, his wife, of the Village of Wash-  
 end of Union District No. 4 and 5, "burn, in the County of Woodford  
 and later erected a depot on Sec. 27, of "and State of Illinois, for and in con-  
 said district. In 1906 The Prairie Pipe "sideration of Four Thousand and  
 Line Co. laid its pipes along the right- "Five Hundred Dollars in hand paid,  
 of-way, of said Santa Fe railroad and

convey and warrant to Trustees of "and 2 in Peachey's Second Addition  
 "Schools of Township Twenty-Eight "to the Village of Washburn, situated  
 "(28) North, Range Two (2) West, of "in the County of Wodford and State  
 "the Third P. M., of the Town of Caz- "of Illinois, hereby releasing and waiv-  
 "enovia, County of Woodford, and "ing all rights under and by virtue of  
 "State of Illinois for the use of Dis- "the Homestead Exemption laws of  
 "trict No. 125, a Township High "this State. Dated this 25th day of  
 "School District, the following des- August, A. D. 1915. Signed, Robert  
 "cribed real estate to-wit: Blocks 1, "Peachey, Clara Peachey."

## ARTICLE II

The first period of the Washburn ed its mission in a public way was  
 Schools, was the life of the first, pushed out east, into the edge of the  
 little, old, one room School house, street, to make way for a new, and  
 about eleven years, in time, 1846 to larger schoolhouse; and January 2,  
 1857—its records, if it ever had any, onto Lot 9, Block 9, Echols addition,  
 have not been preserved, beyond the and sold it. Wm. B. Carson who sold  
 deed for the School site, which is on it to Frederick Benecke who sold it to  
 record, and it recites, in its preamble, Benjamin Schultz, who died the next  
 that a School district has already been year, and his widow retained the pro-  
 formed, and that Tilton Howard, Wil- perty 22 years, built the house over,  
 liam Maxwell, and J. W. Newcomb, added to it, painted it, and set the lot  
 had been duly elected directors, and with fruit Trees, and Sept. 16, 1898  
 the foregoing, would seem to say, that sold it to Elizabeth Anna Graber, who  
 the house was immediately built, and still owns and occupies it. So the  
 that it had a busy life as schools of little old schoolhouse of 1846, it still,  
 that period go; about four months, a very respectable little cottage, and  
 thru the winter, and a spring term of now, 61 years since, it retired; has  
 two, or three months. It is not known been busy all this time housing a fam-  
 who built the house, but as Ptilip H. ily.  
 Jenkins, is the only carpenter known  
 to reside, in the vicinity at the time, The teachers, who taught in this,  
 it is believed he was the builder. I Washburn's first school house, so far  
 was located near the south-east corner, as they can be recalled to memory,  
 of the school lot—was 14x24 feet in are Thomas Smith who resided with  
 size, with about 9 foot ceiling, it front- his family, in the only log cabin that  
 ed to the east, and was one story high, Washburn ever had; and was famili-  
 and was heated by a long wood stove, ly known as "Editor Smith"—John  
 situated in the center of the room, with Anderson, who with his wife, had a  
 a pipe straight up into a chimney, in room with Tilton Howard, Miss Aman-  
 the center of the wide wooden benches da Frobes, who later was Mrs. Edwin  
 for seats, and a shelf against the wall Durnham, O. A. Burges, a favorite  
 on which to write. A door in the east, teacher, who married here, Nannie  
 two windows in the south, and one in Ledgerwood and who was afterward  
 the north side; a frame building, with a favorite minister, in several city  
 oak siding and steading, with walnut churches, and President of Butler Col-  
 shingles, door and door-frames and lege, at Indianapolis, James Tracey,  
 window frames, and a blackboard, on Charles Tuttle, and Electa Davidson.  
 the west wall; it was too the only These teachers as near as known, came  
 place for preaching, and other public in the order in which they are given.  
 meetings. In 1857 having accomplish- The second period of the Washburn



Schools, was the life, of the two story, frame, schoolhouse—1857 to 1877. This building was built by Phillip H. Jenkins and John Carson, in 1857, completed and dedicated in September of that year; it stood upon the site, of the old discarded building, with its long way, east and west, 36 feet, and its short way, north and south, 26 feet, its only door, was on the south, in the center of the building, the lower story, divided into two rooms, of nearly equal size, and the second story all in one room, the stairway, was on the inside, starting from the entry, running east, against the south wall, half way up to a landing then turning west, and going west, up to a landing on the second floor, over the entry way below, the teachers desk, stood upon a small platform, raised perhaps about 12 inches above the floor, situated in the middle of the room, on the north side—the building was heated by coal stoves, with pipes, running into the chimneys, in either end of the building, and the blackboards, which were on the north wall of the room, (which was without windows) on either side of the teachers desk. A very small corner was cut off the south-west corner of the room, for a closet, just large enough to hold a few good willow switches for use on dire occasions.

After 20 years of service, without any matured change this building was deemed too small for the district needs, and on "Saturday, the first day of April 1876," after due legal notice, an election was held to vote on the question, "for or against appropriating not to exceed eight thousand dollars, for the purpose of building a public school house on the old site"—59 votes "for" 41 "against" "79 votes for location on old site" 14 "against."

On April 25, 1876, after due legal notice an election was held for the purpose of voting, for or against, authorizing the Directors to issue bonds, not to exceed eight thousand dollars, for the purpose of building a

"public schoolhouse, said Bonds payable in one, two, three, four, and five years"—59 votes were cast, one of which was pronounced illegal—for issuing Bonds, 31 votes, against 27. The bonds were issued July 1, 1876 in amounts of \$500.00 each, unnumbered one to sixteen, signed by J. G. Haines, S. V. Jones and S. W. McCulloch, directors of Districts Nos. 4 and 5 in Woodford and Marshall Counties. The Bond drew interest, at ten percent, and were sold to Frank N. Ireland, at par—now a new schoolhouse was sure and on June 1 a goodbye was arranged, and all the teachers, who had taught in the building, and the pupils, the directors, and everybody interested, were invited, and a very interesting time was had. It was held in the Christian church, on the county line, and it was a "love-feast," but there is no record of it. J. Edward Barnes says, the brightest thing said, was by Mrs. L. M. Atwood, who in an essay, in rhyme, began, "They tell us our temple is doomed to destruction"—but without a report preserved, there is only left, a bright spot in memory of this great day.

On, or about the first day of August 1876, the school building of the second period was sold to R. C. McCulloch, the highest bidder, after due legal notice, for \$137.50 and moved south one block, to the north-west corner of Block 5 in McCulloch's addition, and after sold to Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Tribbey, who in turn, sold it to Walter A. Stevens, and then to John Junker. This gives to Washburns second school building, a service of 41 years, as a family residence and 20 years of service as a schoolhouse the following named teachers were employed to give instruction: Joshua F. Wheelwright, Miss C. M. Jenkins, Miss Fairchild, Wm. G. Wood, Frs. F. A. Ireland, Miss L. M. Daniels, (Atwood), Miss Fannie Marshall, Miss Harriet Packer, Miss Martha Boys, Prof. Showl, Ella Painter, Mrs. I. M. Jones, Miss Sarah

T. Kinsey, Miss Sarah J. Henthorn, Mrs. C. M. Buckingham, Miss Martha Howard, Mrs. A. S. Daniels, S. W. McCulloch, Mrs. Adelaide Fisher, Miss Ida Kraes, Miss Marq E. Scott, Miss Mariah Harper, Miss Sarah Carrithers, Miss Mary Cutter, Miss Esther Farnsworth, Miss Sarah H. Bangs, Miss Mary, E. Bangs, Miss Midian Evans, M. S. Fulton, J. E. Lamb, Miss M. E. Woods, Miss Sadie C. Martin, S. V. Jones, Miss Fannie Toothaker, Miss Lucy Toothaker, James Kirk.

Those who served as directors during this second period of the Washburn schools, as far as can be ascertained, are: Stephen Howard, R. C. McCulloch, Phil. H. Jenkins, Tilton Howard, Samuel Cushing, Pleasant Ireland, Elder Merritt, Rev. P. H. Rrennen, G. A. Jackson, A. M. Harper, Thos. Alexander, W. E. James, Jabez Fisher, S. W. McCulloch, E. Schaeber, J. G. Haines, S. V. Jones, Charles Boys.

During this second period, the school house was frequently used for religious meetings, political meetings, and entertainments. In 1866 shade trees were set in the yard and the Good Templars paid out \$6.00. The one idea the good Templars seems now near realization and the shade trees are 52 years old.

The third period of the Washburn schools was fairly inaugurated when on June 8, 1876 the plans and specifications of W. J. Edbrooke, architect of Chicago, and one month later the bid of Wm. Stewart contractor also of Chicago to build the building for the sum of \$8,000 in cash and \$300 in a school order, was accepted and contract entered into.

"The Friends, and patrons of the School assembled in the new school house Friday afternoon, December 29, 1876 for the purpose of dedicating the new school building. Opening prayer by Rev. J. B. Brown (of the Baptist church) The Dedication address was delivered by Rev. W. B. Keeling (of the Presbyterian church) The ex-

ercises were interspread with vocal, instrumental music. After the exercises, the building was thrown open, to the inspection of the public."

The building stands upon the same ground, as did the two previous buildings of the two previous periods. About 68x70 feet, 2 stories and basement high, facing the south, with a high varigated roof, and an ornamented bell tower and a one story entry way, all substantially built of brick, with stone trimmings. On the inside is four school rooms, with a library, a lunch room, and all necessary cloak rooms, and closet, with a spacious stairway, and hallways, well lighted and steam heated. The building is one of fine proportion, and of good appearance for its size, and age, and has always received good care and timely repairs.

"The first session of the school, was held Tuesday January 2, 1877, with Charles R. Vauderoot, Principal, Alice Briggs, Intermediate, Mary Hutchison Primary" and on the 6th inst, Mrs. Dr. Newkirk was added to the Corps of teachers, until April 1st following at \$37.50 per month.

The aftermath of the contract for building shows that there were eight bids received, running from \$9400 to \$12250.95, all of which were above the limit the architect made some changes in plans, and the contractor pared his figures to 8300 which was accepted by the Directors. February 9, 1877, building was insured for \$7500 and the furnace at \$500 expense \$80.00, and on March 31, 1877, clerk of school board was allowed \$25.00 for his services.

On April 7, 1877, S. W. McCulloch was re-elected Director, by a unanimous vote, and 67 votes were cast. August 25, 1877, paid D. P. Smith \$45. for lightning rods which became worthless long ago, and on June 17, 1911 a Committee of directors recommended they be repaired or taken down—they were taken down.

October 1878 the Directors report 141 males, and 114 females, attending



school, and 17 tuition pupils, and a private school, taught by Rev. Ledebur with 22 pupils in attendance.

December 1, 1879, the Directors passed this resolution, "Whereas section 45 of the school law, provides for a concentration of funds, in union "Districts, into the hands of one Treasurer, the Board have elected to order "all funds due the District, paid into "hands of the Treasurer of Cazenovia "Township." This action of the Board, proved a great convenience to the people of the district, and especially so to the teachers.

February 17, 1880, the Directors fixed the rate of tuition for pupils outside the District, at two dollars per month. August 24, 1885, tuition was

fixed at \$24.00 per annum in advance. Because of too crowded conditions, September 24, 1887, directors rented the Taylor house, on the corner west of Schoolhouse, for a primary school, and hired Viola Carrithers as teacher, at \$33.83 per month.

August 27, 1888, an election was held to vote for or against authorizing the Directors to issue bonds not exceeding \$1000.00, with which to build a primary school; resulting in a majority of 4 votes, against it. May 18, 1889 Directors awarded a contract to Klingel Bros. to put into the Schoolhouse, a steam heating plant and guaranty same to give satisfaction for the sum of \$925.00; and hired Ben Butler to do the necessary mason work.

### ARTICLE III

An election was held between August 10th and September 12th 1889, to vote for or against, authorizing the Directors, to buy Lots 3 and 4 in Block 5 McCulloch's Addition; resulting in a majority against the proposition, of 43 votes—May 31, 1890, an election was held, to vote for or against, issuing bonds to build an addition to the present building, costing \$3000.00; result a majority of 38 votes against the proposition, and again, "At the special election, held on the 21st day of June "A. D. 1890, in the town hall, in the "village of Washburn, Union School "District, Nos 4 and 5 towns 28 and 29 "Range 2 West Third Principal Meridian voted for or against, the proposition to buy the Building and Lot, now used as the Methodist church, for "a school House, for the sum of Five "Hundred (\$500) Dollars, and to borrow seven-hundred and fifty (750) Dollars, to pay for said building, also "for repairs and necessary improvements;" result 46 majority, for the proposition. Lesch and Fitschen did the carpenter and Tin work, for \$168 and Fitschen and Blackmon, the necessary painting for \$64.50. The build-

ing of out houses, on the northsast corner of said lot, resulted in much bad feeling and litigation, that cost the District \$585.79 in Attorney fees, and court costs \$82.95. July 29, 1892, A. C. Hazen Principal for two years and elect for a third year, left without notice, to the Directors or to his devoted family, and his place was filled, as Principal by M. M. Alden.

September 2, 1893, Lesch and Fitschen Co, were issued orders for repairs on Main school building, \$821.80 including extras and interest.

July 30, 1894, Lesch, Fitschen & Co. repaired school building in District No. 4, for \$58.00.

August 21, 1894, the Directors ordered Flags raised on each of the school buildings.

December 4, 1897 it was ordered by the Directors, to make next years High school course, a 4 year term, and employ an assistant Principal.

At the Annual election, April 15, 1899 it was also voted, by a majority of 88 votes, to buy a piece of land on the west of the original school property, to extend it to main street, at a cost of \$100.00.

On May 10, 1900, a law was approved by the Governor, by which Union Districts 4 and 5 in Woodford and Marshall Counties became one District, numbered 120. September 2, 1902, paid Sherwood & Co. for Seating \$455.68. July 24, 1906 Al C. Blackmon kalsmined all walls and varnished all woodwork for \$123.00 the brick building. Oct. 2, 1906 paid Sherwood & Co. for desks, \$366.87. Dec. 3, 1906 paid Anna Ehringer for disinfection \$120.45 March 2, 1907 paid Village of Washburn for walks \$62.76 at meeting of Directors April 2, 1907 by unanimous vote an election was called to vote for or against building a school house in Wilburn for children of that hamlet, in this district, in the minutes of June 29 the vote is recorded as 80 votes 78 for 2 against. Bids were called for and J. B. Fitschen & Co were awarded the contract at \$970, and on January 2, 1908 were paid the contract price. April 23, 1908 the meeting of the board was taken up by complaint of Charles H. Ireland on behalf of Ardell Emerisk a pupil who desired to graduate but who was prevented by the Principal, by holding down her credits, as she claimed, below the point required, of course the Directors upheld the principal, he prevented Miss Emerick from graduating, but lost his position just the same.

Oct. 3, 1907 Sherwood & Co. desks \$57.42, Insurance \$48.00, April 3, 1909 a meeting of Directors in which it was stated that a census had been taken which showed more than a 1000 inhabitants in this district No 120, in Woodford and Marshall Counties; therefore an election was ordered held, on April 17, 1909 for a President and six members of the Board of Education, as by law provided. The election was held in due form on that day resulting in the election of Charles H. Ireland Pres. by majority of 77 votes, George Moschel a member by a majority of 71 votes, A. W. Ross member by a majority of 71 votes,

George O. Barnes by a majority of 69 votes, John R. Tweddale by a majority of 78 votes, James Sharp by a majority of 71 votes, Richard Gill by a majority of 78 votes, On May 9, 1912, this school was voted by H. A. Hollistor and given a credit of 16 points on 16 Study subjects.

July 28, 1909, contracted for Chamberlains weather stop, on all windows in brick building, to cost \$100. Aug. 2, 1909 congratulations of Board followed Elwood Audemonts to his new position in Omaha.

Aug. 2, 1913 a contract was awarded to J. B. Fitschen & Co. for repairs as per plan and specifications furnished, for a sum of \$448, complete.

September 4, 1913, a resolution was passed to set aside \$35 for library, and a committee appointed to make the purchase; the same meeting passed an order making Tuition terms \$10 per term, in the High room, \$6.00 in Grammar, and \$4.00 in the lower grades.

Oct. 2, 1913, purchaser desks of Sherwood & Co. \$150.30. April 2, 1914, G. M. Butler paid balance of \$702.30 on new heating plant, including excavation and mason work. April 20, 1914 Miss Ada L. Kreider, was retained as Principal for coming year at \$100 per month. July 2, 1914, by unanimous vote, the Board of Education agreed to purchase additional land for school purpose of R. W. Vaughan.

Oct. 2, 1914, Henry Lesch & Co. made repairs on brick building \$750.

November 2, 1914 bot of W. H. Martin, 2 nature studies for Washburn and Wilburn schools, for \$37.50 and High school teachers allowed \$5.00 each, toward expose in attendance at High School Conference, at Champaign which has been the rule of this school since these Conferences were inaugurated.

September 1, 1914, school opened with a complete Corps of female teachers in th Washburn and Wilburn

schools, and this rule has obtained ever since. April 2, 1915, Miss L. Ada Krieder, the Superintendent was authorized by vote of the board to rent caps and gowns for graduation exercises.

May 2, 1915, by vote of the Board May 15, 1915, was designated for inspection day by the full Board.

May 25, 1915, Miss Krieder the Supt. presented to the Board a list of graduates of Class 1915, and the Board voted to present to each pupil on the list presented, a Diploma and 5 dollars, to defray expenses of graduates in 8th grade work. May 29, 1915, a bill was presented by Miss Krieder for \$10.00 to pay postage and expenses of 8th grade graduates, was allowed and paid.

July 25, 1915, Board in session, appointed Sept. 6, to begin fall term of school.

July 29, 1915 the Board agreed upon terms, by which the High school and the Grade school would consolidate for this years school, to wit, the High school to take over the chemistry department, as invoiced by Miss Krieder, and pay a monthly rental of \$40. per month for High room recitation room and laboratory, Dist. 120 to furnish heat and Janitor, and Miss Krieder to superintend Grade School without compensation.

August 1, 1916, Building Committee were authorized to change seats in primary room to face south, first Intermediate north, second Intermediate to face south and the High room to face north.

Aug. 26, 1916, C. H. Duffy was authorized to build petition fence, between Carmichel house and Wilburn school.

Sherwood & Co. seats were paid for \$124.

Hotchkis & Havis Architects \$50 paid.

Principal teacher authorized to collect all tuition on or before Sept. 15, on pain of suspension.

April 28, 1917, upon the motion of

George Moschel who has been clerk of the Board for 19 years, C. E. Spangler was elected clerk.

Aug. 7, 1917, Board made a levy \$2100. for educational coming year, and \$400. for building repairs, and a Telephone too, for the school was authorized.

Aug. 21, 1917, Committee on Course of Study recommended the Horace Mann Readers, and they were adopted.

The schedules of Teachers show enrollment as follows:

151 total, divided very nearly equally in each of the 5 departments, average daily attendance 145 1-11. Nov. 3, 1917, authorized the purchase of Flag, and window shades for Wilburn school.

Dec. 4, 1917, authorized a Standard School Heater C. Plant, at Wilburn school, \$124.20, Flag, \$6.50.

School census shows:

194 boys, 206 girls in district under 21 years, 126 boys, 132 girls in district between 6 and 21, 68 boys, 74 girls in district under school age.

The following is a list of teachers, who taught in the third period, as nearly perfect as possible, and as nearly in order, as possible: C. R. Vaudervort, Alice E. Briggs, Mary Hutchison, Mrs. Dr. Newkirk, Eliza R. Morse, Margaret Maloney, Sadie C. Martin, Ammon Coomes, Maggie Taylor, Fannie Fraser, Edward Bangs, Mae Butler, Hattie Kellar, Annie Hendron, Ella Fraser, Frank Haines, Ella Hess, T. E. Clelland, Martha E. Granger, Viola Carrithers, Emma Butler, A. B. Carrithers, A. C. Hazen, Laura McCulloch, Lola Fisher, Katie B. Peabody, M. M. Alden, A. G. Hoswell, E. J. Pritchard, J. B. Curtis, Eva Hogue, Stephen E. Fisher, A. J. Alcorn, Etta Powell, A. H. Burke, Laura R. Butler, Sarah Tool, Caton Heironymus, Rolla S. Mundell, N. J. Pritchard, Anna B. Letz, George Stauter, Elsie Letz, Mamie Sangbush, Jeannettee Isch, Ethel Fisher, T. M. Burgess, Arthur Gill, Louise Bachmister, Ruth Dillavou, G. W. Courts, Vera Klotz, Edward Anderson, Florence



Thompson, Roy Gill, Irene Phillips, Myrtle Perry, H. A. Ritcher, Harry Andrews, Ruby Furrow, Hazel Furrow, Maud Miller, Amie Buckingham, Mary Green, L. Ada Krieder, Beula Reynolds, Lucia Isch, Jeannette Isch, Edith Riebschlager, Leola Morris, Guida M. Hudson, Sara Robinson, Ino Spangler, Evelyn McKee, Lee Held, Olga Seawald, Maud Abernathy.

The following, is a list of the names of the men who selected and directed the teachers, who taught and governed the third period, of the Washburn School, from 1877 up to the centennial year 1918—Jabez Fisher, John H. Moschel, S. V. Jones, J. G. Haines, A. M. Harper, M. S. Fulton, Christian Haase, S. W. McCulloch, Charles Boys, James G. Carrithers, Afl Pritchard, James Sharp, Wm. H. Bocock, L. C. Hayden, Fred Ehringer, W. A. Sharp, Frank Owen, C. B. Johnston, J. E. Barnes, George P. Gill, George Moschel, John H. Schultze, James N. Owen, E. T. Harper, Dr. B. N. Watt, C. H. Ireland, R. W. Ross, Geo. O. Barnes, John R. Tweddale, Richard Gill, Robert McKee, O. E. Shepard, C. H. Duffy, C. E. Spangler, E. J. Pritchard, George M. Butler, Hugh Pritchard.

The following too, is a list of the under professors, the Janitors of this

third period, for they exercise some control on the grounds, and in the absence of greater authority, and contribute largely to the comfort, convenience, the cleanliness and sanitary conditions; and their work is no place for any but a conscientious and industrious, energetic man; only one man in this list ever succeeded to the position as teacher—Frank Haines. They are Wesley Beaver, Richard Fally, Frank Haines, John P. Sims Michael Lewis, D. H. Bishop, A. L. Ingle, Henry Stauter, George Savage, James Harper, W. A. Stevens, Claude Combes, and Anton Wendland the ‘dandy’ Janitor.

This closes the third period, a term of 41 years, for all the officials and patrons of this school to look back upon, and we think they can do so with pride, on their work. It was originally a school of three years, and later to 4 years in High school, and upon the building of a separate Washburn High school, it was remanded to the first eight grades, when it has shone with equal splendor. It always was a school of good reputation, and attracted many tuition pupils, and none was ever turned away, but additional teachers were hired, if necessary, and additional seats purchased if needed.

#### ARTICLE IV

The fourth period, of the Washburn School, is the Township High School.

On February 2, 1915, there appears in the minutes of a meeting, held by the Board of Education, of Union district No. 120, the following item, “J. R. Tweddale (a member) presented a “plan for consolidation of high school, “including eight districts, said plan “was adopted, and a meeting to be “called, of the patrons of District No. “120, at the village hall, Friday evening, Feb. 5, 1915, to discuss and present said plan the clerk was also “instructed, to have a notice of this, “published in “the Leader”—The meet-

ing was held, the place discussed, and meeting with universal favor, a petition was circulated, on the 11 and 12 days of February, and signed by 76 legal petitioners, which was immediately presented to Roy L. Moore, Woodford County Superintendent of Schools, who on Feb. 18th posted 10 notices in conspicuous places in the proposed Township High School District, calling an election to be held at the village Hall in the village of Washburn, on the 6th day of March, 1915 and designated that Union District No. 120 being in the territory of the proposed Township High School District

to have charge of said election, to vote for or against, the said propositions, to organize the said High School, and on March 5th, 1915 a meeting was called, of the Board of Education, of Union District No. 120 in Woodford and Marshall Counties, who appointed their clerk, George Moschel to act as clerk of said election, and two members of the Board, E. T. Harper, and O. E. Shepard, to act as Judges of the said election as provided by the County Superintendent of Woodford County. The polls of said election was opened, at one o'clock P. M. and closed at 5 o'clock P. M. The election was warmly contested, and 406 votes were polled, resulting in a majority of 124 votes in favor of the proposed High School, after throwing out 4 votes, which were marked yes, instead of with an x

March 8, 1915 returns of the election were made to County Supt. Roy. I. Moore, who upon the 11th inst. gave it No. 125, and issued notices, of an election to be held on March 27, 1915 in the said New District No. 125 at the Village Hall in the village of Washburn, to elect a President and 6 members a Board of Education to take charge of the affairs of the new District No. 125, and directing the Board of Education of District No. 120, to take charge of said election, and make due report to him, who issued certificates of election bearing date March 27, 1915 as follows, F. N. Garrett, Pres. of Board, members for term of one year, B. F. Heighway, and Bloom Faw, members for term of two years, E. B. Coen and Russell Tweddale, members for term of three years, Adolph Woltzen and W. G. West. District No. 125 was now fully organized, and in School control of 10 3-8 sections of territory, in Cazenovia township, and 8 sections in Linn township, Woodford County; 12 sections in Richland township, and 4 sections in Bell Plain township, Marshall County, a total of 34 3-8 sections. The first meeting of the Board selected Russell

Tweddale, as Secretary of the Board, and appointed Woltzen and West as Judges, and Tweddale as clerk, to hold the annual election due second Saturday in April 1915.

The second meeting, April 10, retained Russell Tweddale as clerk for the coming year and contracted with L. Ada Krieder as Principal at a salary of \$100 per month, Guida Marie Hudson and Leola Morris each at \$70 per month, as teachers, and employed John R. Tweddale as Attorney, and George Miller, of Bloomington as Architect.

March 24, 1915, the Board of Education of District No. 125, a High School District, before whom came a petition signed by 207 legal voters of the district, praying the Board of Education, to call an election, to vote on the proposition (a) to build a School House, in said district No. 125 (b) to vote upon a site for same. The Board took action, in calling an election, on the 8th day of May A. D. 1915, at the Village Hall, in Washburn, to vote for or against, each of the following propositions.

- (a) To build a new school house.
- (b) To locate a school house site.
- (c) To issue the Bonds of said District No. 125 to the amount of Thirty Five Thousand Dollars, payable \$2000 each year for the first ten years and \$3000 a year for the next 5 years, with interest payable annually at the rate of 5 percent. The election was held, and 413 votes were cast, all of which were in favor of building the school house and for issuing the bonds.

At the meeting April 24th by unanimous vote, it was determined that all funds of the district, should be kept with the Treasurer of Cazenovia Township as the law provides, it may be done, by vote of the Directors.

The vote of the people of the District on May 8th, 1915 did not determine upon a site. On May 22, 1915, the Board of Education took the matter of Site, into their own hands, and

by unanimous vote selected the Peachy site; the people having voted 337 votes for this site, to 317, for the Shugart site and 39 votes for the Fisher site; and so the site was settled.

May 18, 1915 the board voted to send out detailed Notices to a number of Bond Houses, and receive sealed bids June 2, 1915 on the total issue of \$35,000, adding assessed value of District \$1,110,000.

Population estimated at 2,000.

Acres of land in district 2,600

June 2, 1915 all bids received were opened in presence of a full board, and the representatives of the Bond House "and Bolger Mosser and Williams of Chicago, bid the face of the Bonds "principal, accrued interest, from date of the Bonds to delivery, and a premium of \$425.00, and the furnishing "and printing of the Bonds ready for "signatures; being the highest bidders "for the said Bond issue, it was moved "by Tweddale and seconded by Coen, "that the offer of Bolger Mosser and "William of Chicago, Illinois, be accepted, and the said Bond issue sold "to them." and on August 27, 1915 they placed to the credit of the said District, the net sum of \$35,828.47.

June 19, 1915, the full Board issued to contractors, request for bids on July 6, 1915, on Architects plans and specifications furnished, for a Building, located on grounds now particularly described as Blocks, one and two, in Peachey's second addition to the Village of Washburn, County of Woodford, State of Illinois.

July 6, 1915 at one o'clock, at a special meeting, all members of the Board present bids were opened, and contract awarded to Henry Lesch & Co. the lowest bidder, at the sum of \$32,700. July 29, 1915, a full board less the president being present. Hytex brick were chosen, to be used as face brick on the building.

August 5, 1915, the Board of Education in session, ordered a Tax Levy of \$11,000 for all school purposes

August 23, 1915 Henry Hinck Jr. was allowed for a well completed \$58.50 at the School house.

August 25, 1915, a unanimous vote of the Board of Education in session, ordered payment \$4500 purchase price of school site, also an order to Henry Lesch & Co. for \$280 for tiling ground. Also entered into contract with Henry Lesch & Co. for building, complete, except heating, plumbing, and electrical work at their bid of \$27,500.

September 1 1915 Board in session Faw absent, ordered bid of J. E. Wightman & Son be accepted and contract entered into with them, for Heating Plumbing and Wiring for the sum of \$5,300; and Architect to draw contract and Bond for \$5,000 to be approved by Pres. and Clerk of Board.

Sept. 11, 1915 was held, a joint session of Boards of Education District 120 and 125, who hired a music teacher at \$25.00 per month \$16.00 for the former and \$9.00 for the latter district.

Oct. 6, 1915 Board of Education in regular session ordered L. Ada Krieder, paid \$100 extra, over her contract and this is where "they spilled the beans."

Dec. 1, 1915, regular meeting of Board, Tuition was fixed at \$4.00 per month.

Dec. 30, 1915, ordered by Board, that the buildings of District No. 125 be insured in each of 4 companies for \$7,500 each against fire, lightning and tornado.

Feb. 2, 1916, Board instructed their Supt. of School to notify the parents of some certain pupils who were habitually tardy.

March 10, 1916 Board entered into a contract, with Le Sure and Hill, Landscape gardner of Peoria, to make plans and drawings and set the necessary shrubery, for \$350.00

March 10, 1916 Board voted to contract with J. E. Wightman and Son, for the following items, water supply as per architects plans, electric Fix-



tures and certain miscellaneous items such as double covering for return pipes, and other things on file by Er-canbracht, agent.

March 24, 1916, Board adopted the cap and gown feature for graduation, and authorized Miss Krieder to procure them and placed the management in her care, and that of the graduating class; and instructed clerk, to order from "High School Educational Co. 200 Diplomas.

"St. Louis, and presentation of Diplomas by Dr. B. N. Watt, Pres. of Board of Education. The following named students were granted Diplomas, Leon Frederick Beecher, Harry Blackmon, Gail Carithers, Roy M. Day, Beulah Ehringer, Erma Ehringer, Ralph J. Guftafson, Lee M. Held, Clara E. Iliff, Hazel I. Jury, Ruth M. Klatt, Evelyn McKee, Frank W. Ramsey, Ozell Frank Stateler, Eileen White.

April 1, 1916 finances show receipts from Aug. 27, 1915 to April 1, 1916 \$45,135.68.

Amount paid out to date, \$32,176.31

Balance on hand April 1, \$12,959.37.

April 8, Dr. B. N. Watt elected President of District 125, and Russell Tweddals Clerk, tuition received from Treasurer of Richland Township \$336.

April 10, 1916 a full Board present, Pres. absent, the following Resolution was passed, "Be it resolved by this Board of Education of District No. 125 that 1st School be closed for this week, 2nd. School be opened on Monday the 24th day of April unless otherwise ordered by this Board. 3rd. on Monday the 24th day of April, all High School pupils must show vaccination marks, or give good evidence of having had small-pox, or remain at home. 4th above section "3" also applies to teachers in High school. 5th that Superintendent shall immediately send home any pupils, that show signs of any sickness, and report at once to Board, any pupils so sent home, shall not return to school until Supt. is satisfied that said pupil has no small-pox. 6th. clerk be ordered to deliver copy of this resolution at once to L. Ada Krieder, Supt. of schools."

"The first commencement of Dist. No. 125 was held in The Washburn Opera House, on Friday evening the 2nd. of June 1916. Class wore caps and gowns. Program consisted of music by "High School orchestra". Address by Marshall C. Crouch of

June 17, 1916, contract was let to the lowest bidder, Clifford Heighway, to let in place on the walls of the Building, the Premium National State Black Board, all complete for 32cents per square foot.

July 5, 1916 contract to Clifford Heighway, the lowest bidder, to tint the school house walls and ceilings and paint the toilet rooms with three coats of paint, all complete by Aug. 20, 1916 for \$295.

July 17, 1916, the Board contrasted with Theodore Kundtz Co. for 108 eclipse Sanitary Adjustable Steel desks size no I at \$4.68 each.

And in the maze of contracting for chairs furniture and other preparations, fitting up the building for occupation, the Board of Education stopped July 31, 1916, long enough to levy a tax, for next years financial needs, \$10,750 for educational purposes, and \$1750 to pay interest on Bonds.

Aug. 12, 1916 ordered teachers chairs, \$125. and two white sewing machines, \$52.

Aug. 17, 1916, chair appointed Heighway West and Woltzen committee on arrangements for Dedication. May, 2, 1917 moved seconded and carried that on request of parents, and boy above the age of 14, who may work on a farm for three successive months, shall receive full credit in classes for month of May.

May 2, 1917 by full vote of the Board J W. Carrington was elected Principal for ensuing year, at a salary

of \$150 per month. About the first of May he was drafted and obeyed the call of his country.

The second commencement exercises of Dist. No. 125, was held in Washburn Opera House on Friday evening the 1st day of June 1917. The girls wore simple inexpensive gowns they had made themselves, under the direction of their teacher of Domestic Art. Ann E. Stowell. Program consisted of music, by "Temple Saxophone Quartet" Address by Dr. F. A. Newland, and presentation of Diplomas by A. Woltzen President of Board of Education. The class motto was "Let us make us a name" The following named students were granted diplomas, Elsie Hawk, Hallie Madeline Ireland, Freida Mae Cordes, M. Lorene Schleigh, Audra Adelina Newell, Helen Jeanette Burnham, Rhena Lucille McCully, Ardis Marie Chattan, Harold F. Buckingham, James Bradburn.

The following preamble and Resolution also appear upon the records of the Board of Education.

"Whereas—The commencement exercises met the hearty approval of "the Board of Education and Whereas "Thanks to the instructions of our "teacher of Domestic Art, Miss Stowell, "well, our girls made a most lasty appearance, in a simple home made, "five dollar goyn, and whereas—The "general management of commencement and the splendid singing of the " "Star Spangled Banner" is a credit "due Miss Hudson, who at our request, has faithfully taught the "school patriotic songs of America, "for the past two months—Be it Resolved that Miss Hudson receive the "thanks of this Board, for her steadfast loyalty to our school, and to "our country, and that Miss Stowell, "is heartily commended for a ractical "demonstration, of Household Economy."

The total Tax Levy of 1917 is \$15,000, Educational \$11,250, Building \$3750.

Nov. 6, 1917, State University examination, with the following certificate, after detailed statement of Studies. "The school was last inspected "Oct. 16, 1917, the above credit are to "expire June 30, 1920, approved by the "council Nov. 6, 1917. Thomas Corkle Clark, Secretary."

May 1, 1918 the highly prized Principal J. W. Carrington was called to follow the flag of his country and Miss Georgie Blackmon was called to the English classes, by the School Board and Miss Alice duMoulin, was made Superintendent of the Washburn Township High School to finish out the year. On June 3, 1918 came the graduation exercises which was held in the Gymnasium room, which was decorated for the occasion the program was entirely home grown, except the address by DeWitt Lowther of Loagansport Indiana whose subject was "The Art of Seeing Things" and was fine—The Ladies costumes were "home made" and admired, the "girls High school Glee Club" furnished the music and did splendid. Adolph Woltzen delivered the diplomas in a few fitting words of encouragement to push on and keep bright the motto they had chosen. Rev. Howard pronounced the invocation and Rev. Steinmetz the closing prayer with due solemnity.

Class Motto, "Impossible is Unamerican, class roll, Lloyd Beecher, Roscoe Bratt, Phillip A. Coen, Lyle Foster, Florence M. Hood, Coral M. Jury, Harold B. Jury, Revella Kamp, Lester C. Kief, MayBelle V. Klatt, William M. Koch, Harry Robbins, Helen C. Strahl Heike M. Tjaden, Ella Uebler, Orie A. Wagner, W. Thomas Wallace.

The Board of Education of the Washburn High School are composed of business men, professionalmen, and farmers none of them with any expense as designers or builders but they had the happy disposition of always staying together, they always agreed, not on an average was their vote divid-

ed once a year, there wasn't a "watch day of the treasury" on the board. They chose George H. Miller of Bloomington their Architect, and he showed them a school house he had built in Lexington, they agreed on a duplicate of that house for Washburn High School. Lexington is a much larger town, and the Washburn High School building is spacious, for a city school. The site for the building is an entire addition to the village, designed specially for their use, Block one is ample ground for the building and block two for the play ground, comprising about ten acres to the south, with a street in front and ample space between; the building is 108 feet 8 inches on the front and 81 feet deep; the entrance is 16x20 feet providing a stairway to the first story and second stories also the basement in which is the boiler room 17x22 feet, which furnishes all the heat and power for the whole building. The fuel room 17x25, adjoins it; the Domestic Science room, 17x34 The auditorium and gymnasium 45x60 each, stage 20x7 shower room, 11x13, manual training room, 17x34, store room 23x17 and the laundry 10x12 The first floor has a corridor 76x11-4 2 corridors 9 6x10 3 corridors 9-6x10, agricultural room, 34x17, principals room, 15x17, Office 12x20, store room 6x16 girls cloak room, 17x22, and toilet 11x14, Boys cloak room 17x22, and a gallery 6x60 and on the second floor, there is a central room for assembly, 45x50, a corridor 11x72, stairway and landing 9-6x34 2 recitation rooms, 16x21, Library 16x18, 3 store rooms 5x16, chemistry room, 17x23, physics room, 17x29, art room, 16x18.

The building makes a very nice appearance, in a town of a thousand people, and is certainly very spacious, for a country District and looks more

substantial than beautiful, with its selected Hytex dark colored brick, with white stone trimmings, and stone trimmed front, entrance it appears worthy of a dedication service and such arrangements were in the making, when adverse Supreme Court decisions and other discouragements suspended the matter, and it never came to pass. Going into use, before being really complete, and the trying and exciting a time, of our country's entering into the great European war, neglected so formal a matter as a dedication.

The list of Teachers who have taught in this school follow, L. Ada Krieder, Eulalia Robinson, Mary Felter, Ferol Essenhardt, Guida Marie Hudson, E. W. Zeppenfeld, Lena Corzine, Marian Daughterty, Nellie W. Reitz, Anna Stowell, Harold F. Meyer, Alice duMoulin, Helen Barnes, J. W. Carington, and Georgie Blackmon.

The Janitors who have served this District No. 125 are Frank W. Combes and Albert Kuhlman.

The Presidents of the Board of Education who have served this District High School No. 125 are Dr. F. M. Garrett, Dr. B. N. Watt and Adolph Woltzen and the members of the Board of Education, who have served with these Presidents in directing and managing this District, No. 125, are as follows, E. B. Coen, Bloom Faw, B. F. Heighway, R. Tweddale, W. G. West Adolph Woltzen and F. C. Barnes.

The District having now, suffered all the pangs of building and organization, the Board of Education having gained experience, and teachers settled in their places, except having lost a Principal by the casualties of war, but gained a new one, in whom there is high hopes, and expectations, there appears the rainbow of promise for a brilliant future.—F. N. Ireland.









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